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8TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Dear friends,

Now that the Legislature is nearing the midway point of the scheduled 60-day 2006 session, we wanted to make sure you are aware of the many ways to obtain information about legislation and issues affecting the 8th District.

We are fortunate to have a citizens' Legislature that works best when you are connected and involved.

We are also fortunate that the Washington Legislature is on the cutting edge of technology when it comes to providing information to our citizens. TVW provides live and taped television coverage of the legislative session 24 hours a day. The Legislature's web site allows easy access to look up a bill or find committee schedules.

Our own web sites provide news releases and newsletters describing the work we are doing, an 8th District map, photos that include local citizens who visit Olympia, and a "feedback" button that allows you to easily e-mail us.

Plus, there's also a toll-free Legislative Telephone Hotline — 1-800-562-6000 — that you may use at any time to leave us a message.

We're working hard in Olympia on the issues that affect the 8th District — operating budget, capitol construction budget, education, transportation, agriculture, the local economy, and so much more. We invite you to take advantage of the technology that's as close as your keyboard, your television, or your telephone. There are plenty of ways to become informed and get connected to YOUR Legislature.

As always, let us know if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shirley Hankins".

Rep. Shirley Hankins

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Haler".

Rep. Larry Haler



TOLL-FREE LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE: 1-800-562-6000

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GO INSIDE THE LEGISLATURE, ONLINE

Want to look up a bill? A law? Our state Constitution? You can do all this and find a wealth of other useful information at the Legislature's Internet home page, shown here: (<http://www1.leg.wa.gov/legislature/>).

Type the Internet address

(officially known as the URL: it's the line beginning with "http") in the address line of your computer's Internet browser and press "enter." Use your mouse or key commands to move around the web page.

Here's a great link to start with:

"Visiting the Legislature" will tell you how you can become involved, how laws are made in Washington, and how you can find more information about your legislators.

Washington State Legislature Home Page - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by the Washington State Legislature

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- ★ Agendas, Schedules and Calendars
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- ★ Legislative Committees
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Outside the Legislature

- ★ Washington State History and Culture
- ★ Congress - the Other Washington
- ★ TV Washington
- ★ Washington Courts
- ★ Transportation Performance Audit Board
- ★ OFM Fiscal Note

The Legislature is currently not in session. It is scheduled to convene for the 2006 Regular Session on January 9, 2006.

MEMBER INFORMATION

- [House and Senate Member Rosters](#)
- [Member E-Mail Address Lists](#)

YOUR DISTRICT FINDER

Enter your home address including street address, city and zip code in the boxes below and press the Search button.

Address:

City:

State: WA

Zip:

BILL SEARCH

Enter a four-digit bill number (e.g., 5024) or a keyword (e.g., salmon) in the box below and press the Search button.

HIGHLIGHTS

The 2006 Regular Session begins at Noon, Monday, January 9, 2006.

The Senate begins prefiling bills on Monday, December 5. The House begins prefiling bills on Tuesday, December 20. Go to the [Prefiled Bills list](#) for more information.

For information on the legislative process or to leave a message for a member, contact the Legislative Hotline at the in-state toll-free phone number **1.800.562.6000**.

Hey kids, there's also information for you!

The Legislature provides a "Students' Page" on its web site so that you can learn how a bill becomes a law, download a Student Guide to the Washington Legislature, or learn how you can become a page in the Legislature. Pages are students between the ages of 14 and 17 who spend a week in Olympia helping state lawmakers during the legislative session. They also get paid for their work. To find out more, go to the Legislature's Students' Page at: <http://www1.leg.wa.gov/legislature/StudentsPage>.

Bill Search:

Here's where you can search for a bill by topic or by the bill number. The search will take you to a page that contains all the information about that particular bill.

Track floor activity as it happens

From the House of Representatives home page (<http://www1.leg.wa.gov/House>), look for a link on the left-hand side of the page that says "Floor Activity Report." If you click on that link and lawmakers are voting at that time on the floor of the House, you will be able to track that activity live and see which issues members are debating and how they vote.

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VISIT OUR WEB PAGES!

We both have web pages online that are kept current with the latest work we are doing for you. On each of our pages, you will find information and links to the committees on which we serve. Our addresses and telephone numbers are listed on each of the pages.



You will also find links to our biographies, our press rooms (which contain information about issues and bills), a photo gallery featuring photos of local constituents who have visited the Capitol, a link to a map of the 8th Legislative District, and a “Feedback” button that allows you to e-mail us directly.

Also, during session, a link will be provided on our pages where you may watch our television program, “Legislative Update,” which is an update of legislative issues we individually tape during each week of the session.

Here are the addresses to our web pages:

Rep. Shirley Hankins - <http://hrc.leg.wa.gov/members/hankins.htm>

Rep. Larry Haler - <http://hrc.leg.wa.gov/members/haler.htm>



WATCH OR LISTEN TO TVW

TVW (TV Washington), a non-profit public affairs network, broadcasts the Legislature during session on cable TV throughout the state. Its Internet site (<http://www.tvw.org>) allows you to listen to legislative presentations, debates and votes as they happen. Also available online is a huge archive of audio files from past legislative sessions and other governmental action. TVW is available 24 hours a day on local cable channel 18 in Kennewick and through live and taped video streaming at <http://www.tvw.org>. Check your local cable listings for more information. For programming information, call TVW at (360) 586-5555, or visit TVW's website at <http://www.tvw.org>.



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ONLINE GOVERNMENT GUIDE

8th Legislative District

Rep. Shirley Hankins.. <http://hrc.leg.wa.gov/members/hankins.htm>

Rep. Larry Haler..... <http://hrc.leg.wa.gov/members/haler.htm>

Sen. Jerome Delvin..... <http://www1.leg.wa.gov/Senate/SRC/Senators/delvin.htm>

Benton County..... <http://www.co.benton.wa.us>

City of Benton City (website under construction)

..... <http://ci.benton-city.wa.us>

City of Kennewick..... <http://www.ci.kennewick.wa.us/home.asp>

City of Prosser..... <http://www.cityofprosser.com>

City of Richland..... <http://www.ci.richland.wa.us>

City of West Richland..... <http://www.westrichland.org>

Elected Officials

Legislature..... <http://www.leg.wa.gov>

House Republican Caucus..... <http://hrc.leg.wa.gov>

House Democrat Caucus..... <http://hdc.leg.wa.gov>

Governor..... <http://www.governor.wa.gov>

Lt. Governor..... <http://www.ltgov.wa.gov>

Attorney General..... <http://www.atg.wa.gov>

Insurance Commissioner..... <http://www.insurance.wa.gov>

Commissioner of Public Lands..... <http://www.dnr.wa.gov>

Superintendent of Public Instruction..... <http://www.k12.wa.us>

Secretary of State..... <http://www.secstate.wa.gov>

Treasurer..... <http://tre.wa.gov>

State Agencies

You may access all state agencies through Access Washington

..... <http://access.wa.gov>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 8TH DISTRICT TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Join us for town hall meetings in your area. Bring your questions, comments and suggestions for Rep. Shirley Hankins and Rep. Larry Haler.

We'll provide an update of the 2006 legislative session – but most importantly, we want to hear from you!

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

PROSSER

Prosser City Hall – Council Room
601 7th St.

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

KENNEWICK

Kennewick City Hall
210 W. 6th Ave.

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

RICHLAND

Richland City Hall – Council Chamber
505 Swift Blvd.

HAVE COFFEE WITH REP. HALER! SATURDAY, MARCH 18

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Indulgences

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